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(2) USS CORAL SEA Cruise Report - 1983

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded for information and retention. The two enclosures cover three distinct periods: Pre-deployment, 1 January to 20 March 1983 (enclosure (1)), Deployment, 20 March to 13 September (enclosure (2)), and Post-deployment, 13 September to 31 December 1983 (also included in enclosure (1)).

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**COMMAND HISTORY**  
**OF**  
**USS CORAL SEA (CV 43)**

**Enclosure (1)**

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## COMMAND ORGANIZATION

### USS CORAL SEA

#### COMMANDING OFFICER

Captain Jerome L. Johnson, USN	—	2 July 1981 - 10 January 1983
Captain Jeremy D. Taylor, USN		10 January 1983 - 31 December 1983

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Captain Lawrence H. Price, USN	13 June 1982 - 28 October 1983
Commander William T. Meneeley, USN	28 October 1983 - 31 December 1983

#### COMMANDER CARRIER AIR WING FOURTEEN

Captain Roy NMN Cash, Jr., USN	21 March 1983 - 12 September 1983
None embarked, conducted COH 16 Oct 83	12 September 1983 - 31 December 1983

#### SQUADRONS

ATTACK SQUADRON 27  
ATTACK SQUADRON 97  
ATTACK SQUADRON 196  
FIGHTER SQUADRON 21  
FIGHTER SQUADRON 154  
CARRIER AIRBORNE WARNING SQUADRON 113  
HELICOPTER ANTI-SUBMARINE SQUADRON 12

#### COMMANDER CARRIER GROUP ONE

Rear Admiral Paul F. McCarthy Jr., USN, 1 January 1983 - 6 June 1983

#### COMMANDER CARRIER GROUP FOUR

Rear Admiral K. E. Moranville, USN 6 June 1983 - 1 October 1983

#### COMMANDER NAVAL AIR FORCE U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET

Vice Admiral C. C. Smith, Jr., USN	1 October 1983 - 12 October 1983
Rear Admiral R. F. Dunn, USN	8 December 1983 - 31 December 1983

CHANGE OF HOMEPORT FROM ALAMEDA, CA TO NORFOLK, VA	1 October 1983
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### CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS 1983

01 JAN - 09 JAN	INPORT SAN FRANCISCO
10 JAN - 10 JAN	CHANGE OF COMMAND
17 JAN - 19 JAN	READIEX 83-2 WARM-UP
20 JAN - 23 JAN	READIEX 83-2
24 JAN - 28 JAN	MOBILE SEA RANGE
29 JAN - 30 JAN	ORE PREPARATIONS (AT ANCHOR)
31 JAN - 04 FEB	ORE
05 FEB - 20 MAR	INPORT SAN FRANCISCO
10 FEB - 11 FEB	COMMAND INSPECTION
21 MAR - 12 SEP	AROUND-THE-WORLD DEPLOYMENT (SEE ENCLOSURE (1) WORLD CRUISE REPORT)
13 SEP - 15 SEP	INPORT NOB NORFOLK
16 SEP - 16 SEP	TRANSIT TO NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD
16 SEP - 31 DEC	INPORT NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD
22 OCT - 31 DEC	DRYDOCK AT NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD

### EQUIPMENT CHANGES

OE-82C/WSC-1 DIPLEXER IN ANTENNA DECK BOXES WERE CHANGED FROM MODEL "C" TO MODEL "B".

### INTELLIGENCE REPORTS (IR)/RAINFORMS

NO IR/RAINFORMS SUBMITTED EXCEPT WHILE ON DEPLOYMENT (SEE ENCLOSURE (1))

## 1983 STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS

### 1 January - 20 March

Days at Sea	- 18
Days in Port	- 61
Days of Fixed Wing Air OPS	- 15
Sorties Scheduled	- 1036
Sorties Flown	- 1036
Sortie Completion Rate	- 100%
Day OPS	- 79%
Night OPS	- 21%
Catapult Launches	- 975
Arrested Landings	- 985
Flight Hours	- 1498
Touch and Go's	- 88
Helo Sorties	- 75
Aircraft Accidents	
Major	- 0
Minor	- 0
Injuries	
Major	- 1
Minor	- 0
Crunches	- 6
Fodded Engines	- 2
Underway Fueling Replenishments	- 5
Underway Ammunition Replenishments	- 2
Navy Relief Fund Drive	- \$44,574.00
American Red Cross	- \$20,000.00
Combined Federal Campaign	- \$23,560.00
Transfers	- 125
Receipts	- 335
Separations	- 175
Advancements	- 193
Correspondence Courses recorded as Completed	- 318

### 21 March - 12 September

See Enclosure (2), page vii, World Cruise Report

13 September - 31 December

Transfers	- 272
Receipts	- 329
Separations	- 66
Advancements	- 325
Injuries major	- 1
Five officers achieved Surface Warfare Qualification.	
Correspondence Courses Completed	- 183

Composite Totals for 1983

Days at Sea	- 158
Days in Port	- 207
Days of Fixed Wing Air OPS	- 126
Sorties Scheduled	- 8,310
Sorties Flown	- 8,055
Sortie Completion Rate	- 96%
Flight Hours	- 16,273
Traps	- 8,108
Touch and Go's	- 715
Helo Sorties	- 788
UNREPS	- 54
Aircraft Accidents	
Major	- 0
Minor	- 0
Injuries	
Major	- 2
Minor	- 0
Crunches	- 14
Fodded Engines	- 2
Advancements	- 1520
Correspondence Courses Completed	- 2003

Seven officers achieved Surface Warfare Qualification.  
Three enlisted personnel achieved Surface Warfare Qualification.

### 1983 Command Inspection

#### Executive Department:

Administrative Organization	- Excellent
Personnel Administration	- Good
Legal	- Outstanding
Special Services	- Good
Public Affairs	- Outstanding
Personnel Inspection	- Outstanding (COMCARGRU ONE stated, "Best Inspection he had ever seen.")
Heads and Living Spaces	- Good
Ship's Cleanliness and stowage of Equipment	- Good
Religious Program	- Excellent
Post Office	- Good
3-M Organization	- Excellent
Human Resource Management/Equal Oportunity	- Excellent
Command Retention	- Outstanding
CAAC/Drug and Alcohol Program	- Good
TAD and Schools	- Good

#### Operations Department:

Administrative Organization	- Outstanding
Carrier Air Traffic Control Center	- Excellent
Weather Service	- Outstanding
Combat Information Center	- Excellent
Electronics	- Excellent
Intelligence	- Outstanding

#### Navigation Department::

Administrative Organization	- Excellent
Equipment	- Excellent
Security	- Excellent

#### Air Department:

Administrative Organization	- Excellent
Aircraft Handling	- Outstanding
Launch and Recovery	- Outstanding
Aviation Fuels	- Excellent

#### Weapons Department:

Administrative Organization	- Excellent
Ordnance/Weapons	- Good
Missiles/close in weapons system	- Excellent

**Engineering Department:**

Administrative Organization	- Excellent
A Division	- Excellent
DC Division	- Outstanding
R Division	- Outstanding
E Division	- Excellent
B-1, B-2, B-4 Divisions	- Good
B-3 Division	- Excellent

**Communications Department:**

Administrative Organization	- Excellent
Communications	- Excellent

**Dental Department:**

Administrative Organization	- High Excellent
Professional Services	- Excellent

**Deck Department:**

Administrative Organization	- Excellent
General	- Good

**Training Department**

Organization	- Excellent
Divisional Training	- Good

**Safety Department:**

Organization	- Outstanding
Administration	- Satisfactory
Training	- Satisfactory
Effectiveness	- Outstanding
Drive Safe	- Excellent

UNIT SITREPS

210648Z JAN 83 - HEAVY WEATHER INCIDENT. WAVE BROKE OVER AIRCRAFT ELEVATOR DAMAGING AN A-7.

232052Z JAN 83 - AIRCRAFT INCIDENT. NK-300(A-7) LANDING GEAR COLLAPSED ON LANDING.

220824Z MAR 83 - AIRCRAFT INCIDENT. NK-430(A-7) LANDING GEAR COLLAPSED ON LANDING.

302350Z MAR 83 - EQUIPMENT LOSS. STARBOARD STOCKLESS BOW ANCHOR SEPARATED IN HEAVY SEAS IN HAWAIIAN OPERATIONS.

040932Z APR 83 - AIRCRAFT INCIDENT. NK-205(F-4) LANDING GEAR FAILED ON LANDING.

170122Z APR 83 - STORM DAMAGE. UNREP STATIONS DAMAGED AND 26" CRACK SUSTAINED IN HULL NEAR BOW.

101256Z JUN 83 - AIRCRAFT INCIDENT. NK-610(SH-3H) LOST POWER AND MADE WATER LANDING.

171722Z JUN 83 - AIRCRAFT INCIDENT. NK-6-3(SH-3H) BLOWN INTO PORT CATWALK DURING AIRCRAFT MOVE.

210916Z JUN 83 - EMERGENCY BREAKAWAY. LOSS OF PORT RUDDER DURING UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT DUE TO PERSONNEL ERROR.

230615Z JUN 83 - MAN OVERBOARD. MAN JUMPED OVERBOARD DURING UNREP AND WAS RESCUED.

281352Z JUN 83 - MINOR OIL SPILL WHILE SHIP WAS INPORT CANNES, FRANCE.

081746Z JUL 83 - AIRCRAFT INCIDENT. NK-603(E-2B) HAD CATASTROPHIC FAILURE OF PORT ENGINE ON BOLTER.

161514Z JUL 83 - AIRCRAFT INCIDENT. NK-603(E-2B) LOST ACCESS DOOR ON DEPARTURE FROM NAS SIGONELLA.

300856Z JUL 83 - MALICIOUS ARSON. INDIVIDUAL SUSPECTED OF SETTING EIGHT FIRES.

030950Z AUG 83 - AMPLIFICATION OF NAVY BLUE 004 DRUG ARREST.

191306Z AUG 83 - AIRCRAFT INCIDENT. NK-603(E-2B) BLOWN INTO TURNING PROP OF NK-600(E-2B).

131524Z SEP 83 - AMPLIFICATION OF NAVY BLUE 005 AFTERBROW COLLAPSE.

211356Z SEP 83 - SHIPBOARD FIRES. ARSON SUSPECTED.

270200Z SEP 83 - AMPLIFICATION OF 211356Z SEP 83 ARSON SUSPECT APPREHENDED.



070448Z OCT 83 - SEARCH EVOLUTION. UNKNOWN PERSON REPORTED JUMPING FROM PIER INTO WATER.

072120Z OCT 83 - AMPLIFICATION OF 070448Z OCT 83. ALL PERSONNEL ACCOUNTED FOR.

112228Z OCT 83 - AMPLIFICATION OF 070448Z OCT 83. SEARCH TERMINATED.

112230Z OCT 83 - LIBERTY DISTURBANCE. FIGHT IN DRYDOCK CLUB (ENLISTED MEN'S CLUB) INVOLVING CORAL SEA/AMERICA SAILORS.

172216Z OCT 83 - AMPLIFICATION OF 112230Z OCT 83. NO FURTHER PROBLEMS.

281730Z NOV 83 - PERSONNEL INJURY. AUTO ACCIDENT, ONE CORAL SEAMAN IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

#### OPREPs

001 - NAVY BLUE - DEATH OF CREWMEMBER. THIRD CLASS PETTY OFFICER OVERCOME BY TOXIC FUMES WHILE CLEANING OIL TANK INPORT ALAMEDA, CA (160236Z FEB 83).

002 - NAVY BLUE - VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 3, INCIDENTS-AT-SEA AGREEMENT. GUN MOUNT ON KRIVAK II TRACKING A-6 AIRCRAFT (231158Z APR 83).

003 - NAVY BLUE - CREWMEMBER SHOT BY UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL WHILE ON LIBERTY IN NAPLES, ITALY (252348Z JUN 83).

004 - NAVY BLUE - CREWMEMBER ARRESTED BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES FOR POSSESSION OF HASHISH (252227Z JUL 83).

005 - NAVY BLUE - FOUR PERSONNEL (ONE NAVY/THREE CIVILIAN) INJURED WHEN AFTERBROW FELL WHILE INPORT NOB NORFOLK (130102Z SEP 83).

006 - NAVY BLUE - BOMB THREAT WHILE IN DRYDOCK NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD. THREAT WAS A HOAX (051728Z DEC 83).



## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

### SHIP'S OFFICE

During 1983, 73 Officers were transferred from CORAL SEA, for a 50% turnover rate. From 1 January 1983 - 2 March 1983, six officers were detached; 19 reported. From 13 September 1983 - 31 December 1983, 34 officers were detached, 13 reported. The period 22 March to 12 September was covered in the cruise report.

### PERSONNEL OFFICE

The Personnel Office issued more than 2,400 Active Duty I.D. Cards during the year. The following is a recapitulation of receipts, transfers and separations completed by the Personnel Office during the periods designated:

#### TRANSFERS

1 January - 20 March	- 125
13 September - 31 December	- 272

#### RECEIPTS

1 January - 20 March	- 335
13 September - 31 December	- 329

#### SEPARATIONS

1 January - 20 March	- 175
13 September - 31 December	- 66

Seventy-nine personnel were discharged prior to the end of their enlistment.

The Personnel Office effected 152 crossdeck transfers to USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70) and received 157 personnel in return. More than 50 percent of the CORAL SEA personnel took advantage of military air travel provided by COMNAVAIRLANT to absorb some of the high costs involved with coast-to-coast transfers.

Total reenlistments for 1983, by reenlistment category, were:

<u>FIRST TERM</u>	<u>SECOND TERM</u>	<u>CAREER</u>
114	36	55

In the Command Inspection, conducted by COMCARGRU ONE in early 1983, Personnel Administration received an adjective grade of SATISFACTORY. EXCELLENT marks were received in the following areas: Publications and Instructions, Assignment of Personnel/NEC Coding, Personnel Transfers, Hospitalization, Leave and Liberty, Identification, Personnel Requests and Educational Services. Reenlistment and Separations actions were graded OUTSTANDING.

## LEGAL OFFICE

CORAL SEA'S Legal Office witnessed a continued improvement in ship's discipline during calendar year 1983. The number of Commanding Officer's nonjudicial punishments declined to a three-year low (1981 - 1,061; 1982 - 1,154; 1983 - 892). Furthermore, the number of courts-martial convened was also at a three year low (1981 - 166; 1982 - 129; 1983 - 118). This dramatic, long term decrease in disciplinary problems is largely attributable to CORAL SEA'S continued aggressive policy of administratively separating those individuals who, after counseling, fail to correct their inappropriate behavior. In 1981 only 63 individuals were processed for Other Than Honorable (OTH) conditions. In 1982, 138 individuals were processed. In 1983, despite reduced disciplinary problems, 128 individuals were processed.

In areas other than military justice/discipline, i.e., claims and legal assistance, the legal office experienced a dramatic upward shift in cases handled. The number of personnel claims filed through the office increased significantly (1982 - 47; 1983 - 78). This increase in claims is a result of two factors: Greater information to the crew by the Legal Office as to the availability of personnel claims. Additionally, after the ship entered the shipyard there was an increase in locker break-ins.

The most dramatic and significant increase was in the number of legal assistance cases handled (1982 - 933; 1983 - 1,771). Legal problems associated with the world cruise and the change of homeport from West to East Coast accounted for much of the increase. The office's vigorous approach to extending legal assistance to those good sailors not in disciplinary problems also accounted for much of this increase.

JAG Manual investigations continue to account for a significant amount of office work (1981 - 29; 1982 - 54; 1983 - 50).

Commanding Officer's Non-Judicial Punishments	- 892
Court-Martials Convened	- 118
Personnel processed for other than honorable discharges	- 128
Claims and Legal assistance cases	- 1849
JAG manual investigations	- 50

## PRINT SHOP

Printed pages from JAN 83 to MAR	348,266
Printed pages from SEP 83 to DEC 83	984,745
Total	1,333,011

Printed pages during cruise	6,188,467
Printed Pages (POD's) during cruise	327,470

Each POD averaged 4-6 pages and 600 copies are produced per day

"Voyagers" printed during cruise	810,000
Family Grams printed During Cruise	441,000



## POST OFFICE

The money order sales for the periods 1 January - 21 March 1983 and 13 September - 31 December 1983 totaled a cash value of \$489,626.48. The total stamp sales for the same period totaled a cash value of \$11,384.86. The total poundage of mail received during these periods was totaled at 79,200 pounds and the total amount dispatched was 31,970 pounds. All mail received and dispatched during these periods was handled in a timely manner.

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

01 JAN - 20 MAR

During the ship's pre-deployment period, the Public Affairs Office coordinated and participated in a never-ending whirlwind of events. The new year kicked off with a change of command where Captain Johnson was relieved by Captain Taylor. Public Affairs personnel prepared the guest list, mailed invitations, and acted as a liaison with the local press.

The ship was toured daily by visitors from the Bay Area and beyond. Special tours were arranged for a variety of groups, ranging from high schools, junior high schools, elementary schools, churches, various civic groups, and junior ROTC cadets. The Commanding Officer hosted 5-8 luncheons per week for a wide range of military, civic, and public groups. In addition, the regular weekend open house tour program brought hundreds of visitors each Saturday and Sunday.

Day of departure planning occupied much of the ship's time in February and March. Working closely with Mr. (b) (6) of the CORAL SEA Committee, Public Affairs personnel ensured maximum positive coverage for the "Ageless Warrior's" departure from her home of Alameda. Not only was this a major media event locally, but national television also provided extensive press coverage for the departure. On hand pierside on departure day were the Oakland Invaders Cheerleaders, "The Blue Angels", the Mayors of San Francisco, Oakland, and Alameda, the Marine Corps Band, a San Francisco mounted police drill team, and hundreds of well-wishers, all braving threatening skies on a gray, wet morning.

Church Bells rang out a salute to CORAL SEA as she passed by the "The City by the Bay" while dozens of private boats and Coast Guard cutters escorted the ship toward the Golden Gate. Included was a salute from a giant Air Force C-5, as well as those from small planes representing local flying clubs. Local television helicopters were also present filming the action in San Francisco Bay, including the spouting fireboats from the San Francisco and Oakland Fire Departments.

As the ship passed under the Golden Gate, well wishers sent "The Best in the West" off with flower petals dropped from the bridge.

21 MAR - 11 SEP

(Enclosure (2) WORLD CRUISE REPORT)

12 SEP - 31 DEC

Prior to the ship's arrival in Norfolk, the Public Affairs Office coordinated both civilian and military media coverage of the ship's return to the East coast, after 25 years in the Pacific. Escorts were arranged for the press teams and were thoroughly briefed, ensuring maximum coverage of the ship's arrival-from the moment they arrived by helicopter and throughout the ride to Pier 12. Members of our welcoming party included the Mayors of Norfolk and Portsmouth, and the Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet.

Upon arrival in Norfolk, tours were conducted daily until the ship transited the Elizabeth River to Portsmouth on 16 September, when the ship hosted a dependents cruise. Since general visiting is not allowed at the shipyard in Portsmouth, limited escort tours have been conducted.

October was highlighted by the reunion of the USS CORAL SEA ASSOCIATION at the Portsmouth Holiday Inn. The Public Affairs Office coordinated the event with Association members. Arrangements were made for the Atlantic Fleet Audiovisual Command to videotape the Association's banquet at the Holiday Inn and their tour of the ship for a Navy Video News segment.

Upon arrival in Portsmouth, the Public Affairs Office established a positive relationship with the local media, arranging coverage of civic action projects and various military functions on the ship.

## AIRCRAFT INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

01 JAN - 20 MAR

AIMD Divisions realized their goal of 100% availability of all test benches and support equipment by cruise commencement. The last few weeks prior to the cruise were spent crossdecking those items unavailable in COMNAVAIRPAC assets. Technical support was requested to assist in placing all test benches in optimum condition. Each division was fully manned with the required technical specialties and training levels were adequate. Technical representatives were provided by NAESU to continue improving skill levels available. 90% of AVCAL and 99% of rotatable pool was available for the cruise so AIMD commenced the cruise with 100% readiness of all logistics elements.

21 MAR - 12 SEP

(Enclosure (2) World Cruise Report)

13 SEP - 31 DEC

The transition to the COH period was made by reorganizing the department to accommodate the requirements of overhaul. Ground Support equipment division moved off the ship to St. Juliens Creek and established an equipment overhaul function which is 12% complete in overhauling in all support equipment. All remaining IMRL was moved to a warehouse provided by COMNAVAILANT. Items were catalogued, and indexed so retrieval and accountability is made easy. The Calibration Laboratory was repositioned at St. Juliens Creek in a building provided by COMNAVAILANT which is designed to accommodate the calibration requirements of all ships in the shipyard. Both the IMRL and Calibration Laboratory facilities off the ship are unique concepts being tested for the first time by USS CORAL SEA.

The central structure of the AIMD aboard ship was organized to track the three major functions of overhaul:

- A. SHIPALT: One manager is responsible to collect, and manage all information on the progress of each SHIPALT in progress. Information is submitted to him from designated Work Center Supervisors via Division Officers.
- B. SFOMS (Ship Force): Another officer manages the production effort of SFOMS projects in the department. 32% of all SFOMS work was complete by the end of the calendar year.
- C. SIMA (Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity): A third officer manages all projects inducted into SIMA for rework.

Additionally the division and work center organization remained intact to:

- A. Monitor the progress and quality of shipyard work performed in each work center.

B. Account for the transfer, replacement and installation of all equipment.

C. Manage the training, and skills required for each function.

The calendar year closed with SHIPALTS significantly ahead of schedule and all other overhaul functions on track. The major goal remaining to be solved at this time is to acquire the training and skill levels necessary to support the new Airwing of F/A-18s, E-2Cs, and A-6E TRAM aircraft.



## AIR DEPARTMENT

### V-1 (Flight Deck)

01 JAN - 20 MAR

01 JAN - 16 JAN 1983. V-1 Division continued the SRA at Alameda, CA. Flight Deck resurfacing was completed by Bay Decking Co. utilizing a shot blaster machine followed by an application of Mare Island 150 Primer and American Abrasive non-skid.

17 JAN - 04 FEB 1983. V-1 Division underwent REFTRA and ORE. Major accomplishments included a grade of "Excellent" for ORE, and the removal of a damaged A-7 from the landing area without further damage to the aircraft or personnel injury.

05 FEB - 20 MAR 1983. Commenced POM. Airwing load aboard conducted from 17 MAR to 19 MAR 1983. All 65 aircraft were hoisted aboard utilizing a floating crane. This evolution solidified an already highly trained Airwing/Ship's Company team.

21 MAR - 12 SEP

(Enclosure (2) WORLD CRUISE REPORT)

13 SEP - 31 DEC

13 SEP - 31 DEC 1983. COH commenced for V-1 Division 15 OCT 1983 with the beginning of major work starting on the B & A Crane, replacement of 150 new aircraft securing (tie-down) fittings and selective removal of old catwalks and scuppers. In addition, V-1 Division began overhauling crews berthing, passageways and other divisional spaces.

### V-2 (Catapults and Arresting Gear)

01 JAN - 20 MAR

01 JAN - 04 FEB 1983. The year started with a successful SRA, REFTRA, and ORE period in which 975 launches and 985 arrested landings were completed under extremely adverse weather conditions.

05 FEB - 20 MAR 1983. The POM period was devoted to final deployment preparation.

The following major maintenance actions were completed:

- Installation of the one-piece Catapult Trough Cover on Catapult #3 eliminated the hazardous flooding problem in the launch valve pit.
- Replacement of the old type horizontally raised LSO Windscreen with a newer more convenient vertically maneuvered one.
- Repaired damaged LSO Heads-up Display Unit. Unit had been damaged when it was inadvertently raised into its own protective cover. A fail-safe cutout switch was subsequently installed to eliminate this problem.

21 MAR - 12 SEP

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13 SEP - 31 DEC

13 SEP - 31 DEC 1983. The post-deployment period involved the start of an extensive 15 month overhaul period. Major improvements being incorporated include:

- Installation of the Flush Deck Nose Gear Launch System on all catapults.

- Upgrading of all catapults with the Low Loss Launch Valve and Constant Steam Valve System.

- Installation of the MK Seven MOD 0 JBD System on Catapults #2 and #3.

These improvements will significantly increase the ship's capability. The USS CORAL SEA will have the opportunity to operate with the Navy's newest aircraft, the F/A-18, the first carrier to do so on the East Coast.

V-3 (Hangar Deck)

01 JAN - 20 MAR

01 JAN - 16 JAN 1983. Hangar deck was resurfaced by Bay Decking Co. utilizing a shot blaster, followed by an application of Mare Island Primer and American Abrasive Non-Skid.

17 JAN - 04 FEB 1983. Participated in REFTRA and ORE.

05 FEB - 20 MAR 1983. POM period prior to commencement of World Cruise.

21 MAR - 12 SEP

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13 SEP - 31 DEC

13 SEP - 31 DEC 1983. Commenced COH. Major renovations undertaken by V-3 Division in concert with Norfolk Naval Shipyard are as follows:

- Overhaul of hangar deck ramps leading onto aircraft elevators, and hangar deck preservation, to be followed by hangar deck resurfacing.

V-4 (Aviation Fuels)

01 JAN - 20 MAR

01 JAN - 17 JAN 1983. Upkeep period



18 JAN - 04 FEB 1983. The Division conducted extensive operational and academic training while participating in TYT III/ORE.

05 FEB - 20 MAR 1983. POM period before leaving on World Cruise. The Division topped-off JP-5 to 92% and brought on 10,152 gallons of Lube Oil.

21 MAR - 12 SEP

(Enclosure (2) WORLD CRUISE REPORT)

13 SEP - 31 DEC

13 SEP - 14 OCT 1983. After returning to CONUS in SEP 83, V-4 Division began to prepare for complex overhaul at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. On 27 SEP 1983 remaining JP-5 offload was completed.

15 OCT - 31 DEC 1983. COH 84 started. Some limited work on the JP-5 system completed. All 19 aircraft fueling stations received double-valve protection and all Hose Reel Rewind Motors were removed. All AvGas Filters, Pumps Motors and associated piping and valves were removed. Piping in three JP-5 tanks was Hydrostatically tested. Numerous piping holes were found. 37 tanks were opened, gas freed, and cleaned.

Additionally, Jet Engine Test System installation, which included pumps, piping and filter was started.

Jobs started by SIMA Portsmouth - - manufacture of two Defuel Carts, Eight Purifier Flex Connections, two spill carts and two AFS Pump Switch covers.

#### V-5 (Primary Flight)

01 JAN - 20 MAR

01 JAN - 04 FEB 1983. Started the year with a successful SRA completion, REFTRA and ORE. Weather was very adverse during this period.

05 FEB - 20 MAR 1983. POM period prior to deployment.

21 MAR - 12 SEP

(Enclosure (2) WORLD CRUISE REPORT)

13 SEP - 31 DEC

13 SEP - 31 DEC 1983. COH began. Shipyard workers commenced an extensive PRI-FLY modification which will bring the tower's communications up-to-date and facilitate the management of the various radios and signaling devices.

CHAPLAIN DEPARTMENT

01 JAN - 20 MAR

- Coordinated the annual Navy Relief Fund Drive that raised \$44,574.00.
- Coordinated the "Andre Kole Magic Show" in the NAS Alameda, CA auditorium in February with an attendance of 350 people.
- Received and processed approximately 950 AMCROSS and Naval activities messages concerning death/sickness; financial; health and welfare; marriage and family; and birth announcements.
- Sponsored special events: Ski trip to Lake Tahoe in March.
- Performed two burial at-sea services for former crew members and two memorial services for crewmembers who died while assigned to this command.

21 MAR - 12 SEP

(Enclosure (2) WORLD CRUISE REPORT)

13 SEP - 31 DEC

- Coordinated a Christmas Party for retarded children at Portsmouth's Holiday House.
- Chapel Offerings: \$8802.33
- Charitable contributions made from offerings: \$8026.37

## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

01 JAN - 20 MAR

The year began with the Communications Department preparing for ORE, Command Inspection, POM and Readiness Exercise 83-2. The significant events were:

- Grooming and systems checks of HF, UHF, Satellite and message processing equipment.
- Stocking of repair parts for Teletype and Xerox equipment.
- Ensuring consumable items were identified and requirements submitted to the Supply Department.
- Xerox equipment maintenance training.
- Training on the Naval Modular Automated Communications System (NAVMACS)
- Replaced/refurbished all HF/UHF radio antennas.

The department scored in the high 90's on the ORE and rated excellent in the Command Inspection. CORAL SEA was noted as having the best Facilities Control Center of any Aircraft Carrier in the Pacific. Of particular note was the check out of the Naval Modular Automated Communications System (NAVCAMS) which was used to process the thousands of messages transmitted and received by the ship. This system performed superbly throughout the deployment. All AT-150 and AS-390 UHF radio antennas were removed, cleaned and painted, radials straightened (where applicable), reinstalled and weatherproofed. The Satellite OE-82C/WSC-1 antennas were modified with OE-82B/WSC-1 front ends, which have a narrower bandwidth, in order to reduce interference from the AN/SPS-43 radar. Removed and represerved all AN/SSR-1 amplifier/converters. One unit would not hold pressure and was replaced with a new unit. All seven 35 foot fiberglass whip antennas had water damage which caused heavy signal distortion. All of these units were replaced with AS-2537A/SR antennas thus eliminating the problem. The 35 foot trussed whip for SSES damaged by hurricane EWA was repaired and reinstalled. All deck edge antenna tilting platforms received bushing repairs, were chipped and painted, and seven tilt control arms were replaced. Made maximum use of training opportunities to ensure that personnel were prepared for the around-the-world cruise. Heavy participation in visual communications drills. At deployment time the Communications Department was fully prepared to go to sea.

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The months subsequent to the around-the-world cruise brought a new dimension to all communicators, that of a complex overhaul. It also brought the opportunity for several members of the department to cross-deck to West Coast ships. During the transit from the Naval Operating Base Norfolk to the Norfolk Naval Shipyard several family members made the trip with their CORAL SEAMEN. The Military Affiliate Radio System station which brought hundreds of crew members in contact with their family and friends during the cruise was put on operational display during the trip up the river. After the post cruise leave period a concerted effort was put forth to prepare the communications spaces for the overhaul. Equipment was removed and placed into storage, overhaul, or replacement status. All communications spaces, including berthing areas, started undergoing rehabilitation. Negotiations were entered into with Xerox Corporation to replace the departmental reprographic machines with state-of-the-art equipment. Talks were also begun aimed toward the long term procurement of an Optical Character Recognition System used to enhance the flow of outgoing message traffic. In late October the message processing center and the communications administrative offices were moved to a building adjacent to the ship. Here a full period message center remains in operation providing the services required for the ship to communicate with the many commands providing operational and administrative information and support to the ship.

## DECK DEPARTMENT

01 JAN - 20 MAR

Preparations for CORAL SEA'S "AROUND-THE-WORLD" Cruise kept Deck Department occupied right up until the 21 March departure. A short at-sea period between January and February allowed a sharpening of Boatswain Mate skills prior to leaving the Bay area.

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Following the ship's "AROUND-THE-WORLD" Cruise, Deck Department immediately began preparations for the ship's comprehensive overhaul. Prior to the 16 September arrival at NNSY the Captain's Gig and personnel boats were transferred to SIMA AIRLANT for rehabilitation.

On 16 September the department was involved in the combined weapons offload, dependents cruise, and move to the Naval Shipyard by providing manpower for undocking, anchoring and redocking.

On October 8th Deck Department was again involved in moving CORAL SEA, this time from berth 42 to pier five allowing USS INDEPENDENCE to use the drydock adjacent to berth 42.

On October 16 another move was accomplished this time from pier five to the drydock vacated by INDEPENDENCE.

At the end of October, Deck lost approximately 50% of its 135 man complement through crossdeck to the USS CARL VINSON. Despite the loss, Deck Department continued with its ambitious overhaul programs. Both anchors and their chains were sent to NNSY for REHAB. Boats and underway replenishment equipment were sent to the shipyard, and Deck personnel began restoration of all interior spaces, with a program to prep, prime, and paint the estimated 300,000 thousand square foot area of the ship's exterior above the waterline.



## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

01 JAN - 20 MAR

The new year began with CORAL SEA completing the holiday leave/maintenance availability period in her homeport of Alameda, CA. From 17 January to 4 February, we were underway with READIEX 2-83. "R" Division welders provided superlative support of shipboard welding requirements by making numerous voyage repairs. From 31 January to 3 February, COMCARGRU ONE conducted ORE. Damage Control Readiness received an overall grade of 92%, the highest grade for any CV within the five previous years. This grade was also 15 points higher than any other CV had scored.

From 4 February to 20 March, we were inport Alameda, CA for POM and a maintenance availability. Numerous repairs were made to pumps and blowers in anticipation of the deployment. From 9 to 11 February, COMCARGRU ONE conducted a Command Inspection. Our administrative programs all passed. From 28 February to 4 March, the first shipboard Work Definition Conference for COH, NNSY was held on board. Our initial inputs for COH were submitted, reviewed, investigated and discussed. The foundation of the Engineering Department's package was developed in that we established where our emphasis would lay. The rest of this period was spent making preparations for the cruise.

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From 16 September through 31 December, the ship has been moored at Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, VA undergoing COH. Ship's force is engaged in an extensive SFOMS program. We have tasked ourselves with the overhaul of many valves, some of the fuel oil service pumps, most of the space preservation, and most of the ship's electrical systems. "R" Division is overhauling some of the damage control voids and tanks, cleaning, preserving and repairing as necessary.

Training continues to be an ongoing project. Maximum use of available service schools has enabled many engineers to obtain technical training. Formal training and on-the-job training are geared toward our goal of passing LOE on the first (and only) attempt.

All main propulsion machinery, forced draft blowers, main feed pumps, main circulating water pumps, five ship's service turbo generators, main and auxiliary condensate pumps, main feed booster pumps, fuel oil service pumps and evaporators are being overhauled. All 12 boilers are receiving major overhauls including extensive tube/header renewal, brick renewal, and air casing renewal.

In summary, Engineering Department reliability during the year was outstanding, with all commitments met or exceeded. The department won both the red DC and the Engineering red "E", which was our second consecutive award.

## MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

01 JAN - 20 MAR

For the period 1 January to 4 February 1983, the Medical Department provided care to over 1,200 outpatients and 17 inpatients admitted to CORAL SEA Ward. Additionally, five MEDEVACs were transferred to medical shore facilities. During this time, we attacked ORE with enthusiasm and dedication. Medical Department conducted extensive intra-departmental First-Aid and stretcher bearer's training which contributed to an outstanding Mass Casualty (Z-10-V) grade of 99%. The overall ORE grade for the Department was 99.1%. The Medical Quality Assurance Inspection was graded 95%. Overall, our only problems were of a staffing nature. Our General Medical Officer Billet remained vacant as did the billet for Bio-Medical Repair Technician, HM-8478.

During the POM period at NAS Alameda, CA from 4 February to 21 March 1983, this department was engaged in feverish activity in preparation for World Cruise 1983. In addition to a complete inventory of all emergency medical supplies throughout the ship, a total of 654 Outpatients were cared for. The overall adjective grade for the Command Inspection was Outstanding. Administrative Organization, Radiological Safety, and Pharmacy Security were rated Outstanding while Preventive Medicine and Sanitation were rated Good.

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During this period, the Main Sickbay was rendered uninhabitable by access cuts in the Ward and Administrative spaces. Medical Department rehabilitation has progressed as anticipated with only minor difficulties. Aboard APL-45, 3,481 outpatient visits were recorded.



## DENTAL DEPARTMENT

01 JAN - 20 MAR

This three month period was utilized for training personnel and preparation for the upcoming around-the-world deployment. Aside from providing the necessary dental treatment during the ORE, all dental officers and dental technicians were training in the area of emergency medical treatment for use in case of a mass casualty aboard ship. Training was conducted in general damage control as well as professional dental treatment training.

When CORAL SEA returned from ORE, preparations for the upcoming major deployment were made. All dental equipment was closely looked at by dental repair personnel and all necessary repairs and adjustments were made and preventive maintenance was performed as required.

Taking past WESTPAC cruises into consideration, a close look was given to the departmental supply work center. A complete inventory was conducted of the storeroom and all necessary supplies were ordered either through the Navy supply system or open purchase vendors. Spare parts for various pieces of dental equipment were purchased as recommended by repair personnel.

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13 SEP - 31 DEC

After returning from the around-the-world deployment, Dental commenced a brief leave period. All necessary treatment continued to be provided for CORAL SEA personnel. Within 45 days of our return, dental services for ship's company personnel was moved to the Branch Dental Clinic at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, VA. The transition was smooth and was completed in two days. The move to the shipyard facility was necessary in order to prepare the shipboard dental spaces for major rehabilitation work and equipment installation.

Post deployment also brought several personnel changes including the reporting of a new Senior Dental Officer. Several key enlisted personnel were either transferred or discharged, but replacements soon arrived and received the necessary training for their respective assignments.



## TRAINING DEPARTMENT

01 JAN - 20 MAR

Training Department on CORAL SEA is comprised of the Educational Services Office, Indoctrination ("I") Division, CAAC, and the Schools/TAD Office. Although the Training Department is varied in scope, it carries one motto - "Provide the best service to the best sailors anywhere - CORALSEAmen". To Achieve this goal Training Department accomplished the following during 1983.

1 JAN - 20 MAR

### EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OFFICE

#### Advancements:

E-1 to E-2	- 116
E-2 to E-3	- 52
E-3 to E-4	- 13
E-4 to E-5	- 8
E-5 to E-6	- 2
E-7/8/9	- 2
Total Advanced:	- 193

#### JAN 83 CPO Exams:

Total Passed	- 114
Total Number Failed	- 10
(Pass %=91%)	

#### MAR 83 E-4/5/6

Total Number Passed:	- 396
Total Number Failed	- 20
(Pass %=95%)	

- 318 Correspondence Courses were completed.

- No PACE courses were offered, CORAL SEA was not underway for an extensive period.

### INDOCTRINATION "I" DIVISION:

- Welcomed aboard 300 new CORAL SEAmen: provided 2 weeks of indoctrination, orientation, and general DC training. Each new "warrior" was greeted by the Executive Officer and Commanding Officers during his time in "I" Division.

## TAD & SCHOOLS:

- During this period, the TAD & Schools office sent 15 CORAL SEAmen to CLASS "A" schools and 18 CORAL SEAmen to class "C" schools. Additionally 588 CORAL SEAmen were sent TAD to various schools to obtain skills required for the upcoming World Cruise.

## CAAC:

- The only CAAC Counselor onboard during this time frame counseled 42 crew members in cases involving:

18 Alcohol related  
22 Drug Related  
2 Other

- CAAC sent 6 people through in-patient drug alcohol rehab.
- CAAC sent 2 people through out-patient drug alcohol rehab.
- remaining received NASAP education local programs or recommended for separation.

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## EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OFFICE:

### - Advancements:

E-1 to E-2	- 53
E-2 to E-3	- 121
E-3 to E-4	- 52
E-4 to E-5	- 80
E-5 to E-6	- 15
E-7/8/9	- 4
Total Advancements:	- 325

### SEP 83 E-4/5/6 EXAMS:

Total Number Passed:	- 492
Total Number Failed:	- 18
(Pass % = 96%)	

- No PACE COURSES were offered, CORAL SEA entered COH.
- Five Officers became Surface Warfare qualified.

## INDOCTRINATION "I" DIVISION

- Welcomed aboard 256 new CORAL SEAmens; providing 2 weeks of indoctrination, orientation, and general DC training. Each new "Warrior" was greeted by the Executive Officer and Commanding Officers during his time in "I" Division.

### TAD & SCHOOLS:

- During this period, the TAD & Schools Office sent 7 CORAL SEAmens to class "A" schools and 9 others to class "C" schools. Additionally, 563 CORAL SEAmens were sent TAD to learn various skills that will be needed upon completion of COH. The schools Office assumed responsibility for preparing all cost TAD orders and maintaining TAD/TAR funding effective 1 October.

### (CAAC:

- CAAC completed a total of 78 drug or alcohol related screenings.
- Assisted the Command Substance Abuse Coordinator in implementing two Navy Alcohol Safety Program (NASAP) classes.
- Placed 7 personnel into inpatient rehabilitation programs.
- Training Department's motto was lived up to in 1983 as indicated by the synopsis of the year's total accomplishments listed below:
  - 1,520 CORAL SEAmens were advanced in rate;
  - 2,003 Correspondence courses were completed;
  - 43 PACE courses were offered, with 582 students completing them;
  - 163 CORAL SEAmens received diplomas from St. Louis High School;
  - 146 College Level Equivalence Program tests administered;
  - 22 CORAL SEAmens went to class "A" schools;
  - 27 CORAL SEAmens went to class "C" schools;
  - 1,171 CORAL SEAmens were sent TAD to various schools;
  - Accepted responsibility for cost TAD orders and TAD/TAR reporting;
  - 814 new CORAL SEAmens were "Welcomed Aboard" through "I" Division;
  - 386 CORAL SEAmens and Battle Group personnel took advantage of counselling services offered by CAAC.

## WEAPONS DEPARTMENT

01 JAN - 20 MAR

CORAL SEA continued to maintain ready carrier status while completing training and underway exercises in preparation for deployment. During the period 01 JAN - 20 MAR 1983, CORAL SEA completed her ORE, with Weapons Department receiving a grade of outstanding; and also successfully completed the MRCI. In January the electric motor used to raise and lower the elevator platform on lower stage six failed again, requiring rigging of emergency handling gear to hoist a number of Air Launched Missiles from a fourth deck magazine. The whole evolution was completed smoothly and safely. In preparation for the upcoming world cruise, the Weapons Department conducted eight weapons underway replenishment bringing onboard ordnance totaling 263 tons, and providing the Airwing with over 218 tons of ordnance for expenditure. During late February and throughout March, the department made extensive preparations for CORAL SEA's "Around-the-World" cruise, completing required last minute schools and training. Every task throughout the work-ups was expeditiously and professionally completed, with safety being paramount at all times.

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09 SEP - 31 DEC

9 - 11 September 1983, CORAL SEA conducted backload of the ship's entire complement of weapons, minus 222 cluster weapons, for which containers were not received. This was an extremely long and difficult evolution consisting of over 1,020 lifts and lasting three days. The remaining 222 weapons were off-loaded 16 September at Whiskey Anchorage prior to transit from Pier 12 to Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY). Following a short standdown, Weapons Department commenced the COH Package, consisting of complete refurbishment and upgrade of magazines, elevators, shafts, trunks, sprinkler and alarm systems, handling equipment, and work spaces. In mid-September all three Phalanx close-in-weapons systems (CIWS) were removed and shipped to NAVORDSTA Louisville, KY., for overhaul. We anticipate their return in mid-1984.

W - Division

01 JAN - 20 MAR

Intense monthly technical training on all weapons systems has been paramount throughout CY83, with an emphasis placed on the team concept and on maintaining the technician's professional skills at their peak performance level. A well-rounded general military training program has been integrated into the schedule along with operational drills to benefit all hands in the division. On 3 February 1983, we participated in NOREX, with only a few minor discrepancies noted.



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On September 13, the W/R stockpile, along with all BDU's, were off-loaded. With the attention paid in prior planning and the professionalism demonstrated by all involved, this was another evolution performed in a safe and expeditious manner. On 16 September we arrived at NNSY, for the beginning of an extensive overhaul package. After entering drydock in October, W-Division became very involved in SFOM's operations, involving refurbishing and upgrading all work spaces, handling equipment, magazines, and sprinkler and alarm systems. Throughout the overhaul period, professional training is being held on an ongoing basis at the highest level possible, depending on the availability of the particular handling equipment.

MARINE DETACHMENT

01 JAN - 20 MAR

During the period from 1 January until 21 March the MARDET conducted extensive Marine Corps training to prepare for the visit of the Inspector General of the Marine Corps, which occurred on 15 February 1983. The result of the IG Inspection was very good, with no adverse comments other than minor administrative discrepancies. The Detachment also participated in several ceremonies including the Change of Command of USS CORAL SEA and several local performances of the the Silent Drill Unit. The remainder of the period was spent conducting normal security duties and preparing for the pending deployment

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Upon return from deployment the MARDET assumed duties of Barracks Security in Barracks M-22, NNSY Portsmouth, providing hotel services for nearly 550 sailors residing at the facility. In addition, a one-week package of infantry related training was conducted at the Little Creek, VA Training Command. The Detachment Color Guard also participated in the Commissioning Ceremony for VA-55, the CNO visit to the McArthur Memorial (13 October), and the Change of Command Ceremony for Naval Electronics Systems Engineering Center, Portsmouth (10 November 1983).

Of particular note was a Morning Colors Presentation with full television media coverage conducted at the HQ Building, NNSY Portsmouth, on 10 November 1983 in commemoration of the 208th birthday of the Marine Corps.

During the month of December, the Marine Detachment spearheaded the USS CORAL SEA "Toys for Tots" drive and was instrumental in the collection and delivery of nearly 700 individual toys to the local Marine Corps Reserve.

## SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

01 JAN - 20 MAR

This first period in 1983 found the Supply Department preparing for ORE on 20 January and the POM period. During this time the significant events for Supply were:

- complete loadout of AVCAL
- establish pre-deployment stock reorder
- pre-deployment provisioning
- ship store stock reorders

Of particular note in preparation for deployment, were purchases of extreme foul weather/wet weather gear as well as cold weather consumables and equipage. The majority of these items were purchased on the local market. Additionally during this period, several contracts were made to add increased physical security measures for both Ship's Store and Disbursing. These measures included purchase of alarm systems, closed-circuit television cameras and video recorders. These allowed for direct MARDET intervention and reaction upon any indication of a breach of security. The remaining divisions were involved in the complex pre-deployment preparations; from obtaining materials to ensuring that all personnel had required schools. At deployment time, the Supply Department was ready for sea.

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The last three months of 1983 brought the normal post deployment down load and cross decks and a major evolution of storeroom offload in preparation of the Integrated Logistics Overhaul. From 13 to 15 September, the Supply Department coordinated the Airwing offload and massive movement of retrograde/cross deck material as directed by COMNAVAIRLANT. On 16 September, the Supply Department assisted in a highly successful dependent's cruise to NNSY. The Food Service Department prepared food for 3,000 people and set up a buffet lunch on the hangar bay - a highly successful event. Immediately upon arrival, we commenced offload of unnecessary material by departments and storeroom material. By the middle of November all storerooms were empty and inventory of the material had commenced. On 16 October, we established the ILO team with representation of work centers and supply divisions. The ILO team becomes the nucleus of our logistics overhaul. The COH organization stood up, with the Supply Department assuming the responsibility for vehicular support, and SFOMS material. In an effort to increase material storage the Supply Department leased a 50,000 square foot warehouse to use as a staging area/long term storage in support of COH-84. This additional storage, under the control of the Supply Department, has provided protected storage for each department. As COH-84 goes on, the Supply Department's role of providing essential services in an austere environment continues to challenge us.